



ST. JOSEPH NEWSLETTER

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The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

— Matthew 21:9

Weekly Round Up

3rd Quarter Awards

We were proud to celebrate our students at the 3rd Quarter Awards Assembly! Their hard work, growth, and dedication continue to shine through in so many ways. Congratulations to all of our award recipients, and thank you for your commitment to doing your best each day. Keep up the great work as we head into the final quarter!



Living Stations of the Cross

Our junior high students prayerfully presented the Living Stations of the Cross, a meaningful tradition that brings the Passion of Christ to life in a powerful way. We are grateful to Mr. Knisely and our middle school team for their time, care, and dedication in preparing students for this special experience. It is always a moving reminder for our school community as we journey through Lent together.



Stations of the Cross for your home

Thank you to Helping Hands for providing a beautiful Stations of the Cross display and booklet for our students. This thoughtful resource offers another opportunity for prayer and reflection during the Lenten season, helping our students grow deeper in their faith.



Staff Updates

As we continue through the school year, we have had a few staff transitions. We are grateful for the contributions of those who have served our students and wish them well in their next steps. We are excited to welcome our new middle school teacher, Susan Sowders, to St. Joe! As a St. Joe alumni and parishioner, she is truly coming home. With over 25 years of experience in both public and Catholic education—teaching in regular and special education classrooms and most recently serving as a principal—she brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership. She is excited to share her love of the Catholic faith and teaching with our students, and we are blessed to have her join our school community.

Holy Week- Chrism Mass, Triduum, & Easter

Next Tuesday, a few of our 8th grade students will attend the Chrism Mass, a beautiful and unique opportunity to witness the blessing of the holy oils used throughout the year. In addition, our 2nd and 8th graders will have a special role in Holy Thursday. As we enter into the most sacred time of the Church year, we remember the Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. May this be a time for all of us to reflect, pray, and prepare our hearts for the joy of the Resurrection.

Reminders

Enrollment for Next School Year : Enrollment, registration, and EdChoice scholarship applications are now open for the upcoming school year! Secure your child's spot early and be entered for a chance to win one of two \$50 gift cards when you register by April 1. The early registration deadline is May 1. After that, a late fee will apply. Don't wait. We look forward to another great year together!

Rice Bowls: Please return Rice Bowls after Spring Break. Thank you for living out prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and supporting those in need this Lent.

Dress Code : With warmer weather ahead, students may begin wearing shorts after Spring Break. As spring temperatures can be unpredictable, please dress appropriately for the weather each day while following dress code guidelines. Students should wear collared polos (short or long sleeve) and school-appropriate sweatshirts. Shoes must have backs—tennis shoes are preferred, especially for P.E. (no sandals or Birkenstock-style shoes).

Spring Break Reminder : School will be closed for Spring Break from Friday, March 27 through April 5. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, April 6. We wish all of our families a restful and blessed break!

Upcoming Events

- March 27- April 5: No School - Spring Break
- March 28: First Communion Retreat
- March 31: Chrism Mass
- April 12: Family Faith Formation
- April 20-24: Right to Read Week
- April 25 & 26: First Communion Weekend
- May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6: May Crowning & Grandparent's Day

Saint of the Week

Saint Joseph



He is the husband of the Mother of God and the foster father of the Savior of the world. He is the patron saint and protector of the universal Church. He does not speak in the Bible.

"Go to Joseph and do all that he shall say to you"

-Genesis 41:55

Saint Joseph, pray for us!